

REMARKS

The Office Action of November 28, 2008 presents the examination of claims 1, 3-18 and 31. Claims 19-30 are withdrawn following restriction of the subject matter of the application.

Claims 1, 4-9, 12-18 and 31 are allowed.

Rejection over Agrawal

Claims 3, 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Agrawal '872. Claim 3 is canceled herein. Claim 10 is amended to remove reference to rejected claim 3, and so is now dependent only upon allowed claims. Applicants believe that by these amendments the instant rejection is rendered moot.

Request for rejoinder

Withdrawn claims 19-23 and 25-27 are directed to methods of use of the article of manufacture of the allowed claims and are dependent from such allowed claims. Applicants accordingly request rejoinder and allowance of claims 19-23 and 25-27 in the present application.

The remaining withdrawn claims have been canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter.

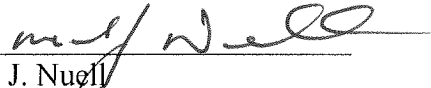
Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell Reg. No. 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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